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LANSING CONVICTED FELON SENTENCED TO 87 MONTHS
ON WEAPONS CHARGE

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. – Edward Dean Kienutske, 46, of Lansing, was sentenced today to 87 months in prison for being a convicted felon in possession of firearms, U.S. Attorney Charles R. Gross announced today.

Kienutske pled guilty on July 18, 2007, to being a convicted felon in possession of three firearms. The weapons charge stemmed from the execution of a search warrant at Kienutske's home in Lansing. The Lansing Police Department obtained a narcotics search warrant for Kienutske's home after a confidential informant purchased a quantity of marijuana from one of Kienutske's drug clients. During the January 25, 2006 search of the home, officers recovered two shotguns and a rifle, a pound of marijuana, assorted ammunition and drug paraphernalia. Kienutske was indicted by a federal grand jury earlier this year.

In addition to 87 months in prison, U.S. District Judge Jack Zouhary, visiting judge from the Northern District of Ohio, ordered Kienutske to serve three years of supervised release and to pay a \$2,000 fine and a \$100 special assessment.

U.S. Attorney Gross commended the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the Lansing Police Department for their work in the case. Their joint

investigation was undertaken as part of the Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative. This case was prosecuted on behalf of the United States of America by Assistant U.S. Attorney Elisa Castrolugo.

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